

REMARKS

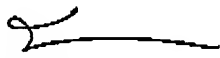
The enclosed Supplemental Amendment is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed May 26, 2004. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action, claims 1-35 were pending. By way of the present response, the Applicant has: 1) canceled no claims; 2) added no claims; and 3) amended claims 1, 12 and 23. As such, claims 1-35 are now pending. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of all pending claims.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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